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1. EMBASSY DEEPLY APPRECIATES THE IMMEDIATE RESPONSE (REF B) TO REF A.

2. GOJ ISSUED PRESS RELEASE FRIDAY, 8/25 (TOKYO TIME) ANNOUNCING FORTHCOMING MEETING AND GIVING NAMES OF DELEGATIONS. MOFA INFORMED US AT THAT TIME THAT IT HAD CABLED NAMES OF GOJ DELEGATION TO WASHINGTON SO WE ARE NOT REPEATING THIS INFO HERE. PRESS RELEASE HAD LITTLE VISIBLE IMPACT BECAUSE NEWSPAPERS HAD PRINTED STORIES PREVIOUS DAY BASED ON LEAKS FROM "GOJ SOURCES."

3. WE HAVE DISCUSSED NEED FOR PRESS CONFERENCE AT END OF MEETING WITH MOFA. WE AGREE WITH MOFA POSITION THAT JOINT PRESS CONFERENCE IS ESSENTIALLY MANDATORY; OTHERWISE, INFORMATION WILL BE GIVEN TO PRESS BY GOJ OFFICIALS WILLY-NILLY. MOFA PROPOSES THAT JOINT PRESS BRIEFING BE NELD AT ABOUT 5:00 OR 5:30 PM 9/5 BY HEADS OF TWO DELEGA-
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TIONS (DEUTCH AND MIYAZAKI). BY AGREEMENT WITH EMBASSY, PRESS CONFERENCE WILL BE OPEN TO BOTH FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC REPORTERS. REQUEST DR. DEUTCH'S VIEWS ON PRESS CONFERENCE.

4. MOFA CONFIRMS THAT DRAFT COMMUNIQUE IS IN PREPARATION FOR FORWARDING TO U.S. PRIOR TO DEPARTURE OF DELEGATION.

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5. RE LIST OF GOJ DELEGATION, WE ARE STRUCK BY FACT THAT ONLY ONE PERSON (DR. ISHIZAKA, DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF AIST/ MITI) HAS STRONG TECHNICAL BACKGROUND. HE IS FORMER DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL CHEMICAL LABORATORY FOR INDUSTRY OF AIST AND WAS SCIENCE COUNSELOR IN WASHINGTON. WE HAVE BEEN ASSURED BY MOFA THAT "UNOFFICIAL" DELEGATION IS MUCH LARGER THAN "OFFICIAL" ONE, THAT IT INCLUDES SENIOR TECHNICAL PEOPLE, AND THAT NAMES WILL BE PROVIDED US EARLY THIS WEEK.

6. AFTER ABOVE PART OF MESSAGE TYPED, STATE 217769 RECEIVED. PARTIAL DUPLICATION REGRETTED. INFO ON PROTOCOL RANK OF US DEL PASSED TO OHTA. WE DISCUSSED "MOU" VS. "TREATY" VS. "EXECUTIVE AGREEMENT" WITH HIM. HE POINTED OUT THAT DETERMINATION WOULD HAVE TO BE MADE ON BASIS OF SUBSTANCE OF AGREEMENT REACHED. FOR EXAMPLE, IF COMMITMENT OF LARGE AMOUNT OF MONEY IS AGREED TO BY PARTIES, A MINIMUM OF "EXECUTIVE AGREEMENT" WOULD BE REQUIRED. IF JOINT PROJECTS ARE ESTABLISHED WHICH COULD LEAD TO MAJOR INVENTIONS AND HENCE TO SIGNIFICANT PATENTS, NEGOTIATION OF A PATENT CLAUSE COULD REQUIRE REVISION OF JAPANESE DOMESTIC PATENT LAW. THIS WOULD INVOLVE DIET, OF COURSE, AND RAISE LEVEL OF AGREEMENT--PERHAPS TO "TREATY" LEVEL. ALL OF THIS INDICATES THAT CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION REMAINS ON FORM AS WELL AS SUBSTANCE OF AGREEMENT.
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7. RE TECHNICAL PROJECTS, OHTA SAYS THAT MOE IS STRONGLY SUPPORTING COOPERATION IN HEP BUT THAT IT IS NOT GETTING MUCH ENTHUSIASM FROM OTHER AGENCIES. AS FOR COAL LIQUEFACTION GOJ APPEARS WILLING TO ACCEDE TO U.S. DESIRES IN THIS REGARD ON BASIS THAT U.S. SHOULD HAVE A PROJECT IT STRONGLY FAVORS. JAPAN, HOWEVER, WILL "INSIST TO THE END" ON NEED FOR FUSION COOPERATION, HOLDING IT UP AS THE "BANNER" OF THE RELATIONSHIP. OHTA SUGGESTED THAT U.S. COULD USE COAL LIQUEFACTION AS ITS OWN BANNER IF IT WISHED. MANSFIELD

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